



Kyabram & District Health Services

PRESS RELEASE

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New Link with the Community

The Kyabram and District Health Services has released a new Strategic Plan that aims to strengthen the community's Involvement in the Health Service

The Health Service is developing a range of strategies to engage the community in consultation on its future directions. One such strategy is the appointment of a Community Advisory Committee. This gives the residents of Kyabram and District a new way of having a voice.

The Board of Kyabram and District Health Services wishes to publicly congratulate Catherine Bleasdale, Mary Bowman, Betty Carling, John Elborough, Barb Ferguson, Lawrence Hastings, Valerie Mulholland, Barry Prideaux, Betty Sefton and Carmel Shellie who were successful in their applications to join the Advisory Committee. These 11 well known volunteers will be playing an important role in advising the Board on matters of direct relevance to the community, especially around communication, quality and planning.

Chief Executive Officer Dr Neil Cowen said that "the terms of reference are clear and that under the Chairmanship of Mr Ray Tuhon of Stanhope, the committee would be commencing work on a Community Participation Workplan, and adding value to the way our Quality of Care is communicated to the public. It is a way of making the Health Service more customer focused."

Mrs Andrea Morgan and Ms Di Roberts are supporting the committee and can be contacted for more information about the Community Advisory Committee on 5857 0200